

EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RFB NUMBER: 2014 04  
TRANSMISSION MAIN INTERRUPTION PLAN COMPONENTS  
ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

June 11, 2014

Prospective Bidders:

The previously issued "Request for Bids" package has been revised and must be read, in its entirety, to ensure all prospective bidders are informed of the required modifications. Prospective bidders shall be allowed to submit additional questions concerning the bid specifications or bid procedures to the Purchasing and Stores Manager until **July 3, 2014**. Sealed bids now will be received until **2:00 P.M., July 10, 2014**, by the Purchasing and Stores Manager, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, 9255 Sturdevant Street, Pensacola, Florida. It is ECUA's intent to utilize multiple vendors, as necessary, for supply of the designated components and will issue purchase orders to the vendors based on factors such as considered best product, most timely delivery, best pricing, etc. For clarification purposes, the bid items or components, as referred to herein, to be purchased are as follows:

- Item A – 90° Bends and 45° Bends: 16" through 48"
- Item B – Solid Sleeves: 16" through 54"
- Item C – Restrainer Gland Accessory Kits: 16" through 48"
- Item D – Repair Clamps: 16" through 24" & 54"
- Item E – Bell Joint Clamps: 16" through 54"
- Item F – Bell x Spigot Pipes: 16" through 48"
- Item G - 90° Bends, 45° Bends and Spigot x Restrained Pipes: 54"

Questions received prior to the end inquiry date are addressed below and/or in the body of the modified document.

1. Page 2 – outlines three manufactures that are acceptable for supplying the materials – Problem, these three do not manufacturer all of the material being ask for in the bid – these three are mostly pipe manufacturers – Could we get correction on this?

***Correction made for clarity, see revised RFB package.***

2. Page 10 – Part 1 subsection 1.03 "Acceptable Manufacturers" - Same question as above...

***Title and content of Part 1 Section 1.03 revised for clarity.***

3. Page 16 – Part 2 subsection 2.04 A.1. Outlines a second group of Acceptable Manufacturer – only one of which is included in the first list as outline above.

***Approved manufacturers for force main fittings provided either in list or table under each appropriate subsection.***

4. Page 18 – Part 2 subsection 2.04 A.5. Outlines a third group of Acceptable Manufacturer – none of which is included in the first two lists. I think the intent was for each product line but this can be miss-interpreted – maybe a list for each product would clarify.

*See response to #3 above.*

5. Page 2 – lists two interior liners – Permax and Ceramapure – but on Page 39 (second page of bid form) it ask for pricing on Permax and Protecto – need clarification. (This is also listed in other section for pipe and fittings)

***Lining material shall be Perma-Shield PL, Series 431, by Tnemec Co., Inc. or Permax-CTF Ceramic Epoxy, by Permite Corp. Corrections made in the RFB package where applicable.***

6. Page 10 – Part 2 subsection 2.01 – Requires for material to be made in the USA but some of the approved manufacturers in the three list do not manufacture in the USA.

***As indicated, all pipe, fittings and accessories shall be suitable and rated for appropriate pressure use, and shall be made in the United States.***

7. Page(s) 13 & 14 – Part 2 subsection 2.01 3.b., 4.c. & e. – list out restrained joints to be supplied – the first group in 3.b. is factory pipe restraints as is in 4.c., but in 4.e. mechanical restraints are listed which would go with fittings, valves, and other MJ joint design.

***References to restrained joints have been removed. It is ECUA's intent to purchase only ductile iron pipe and fittings with/for mechanical joints (the exception is 54" pipe).***

8. Page 15 – Part 2 subsection 5.c.2) for surface preparation – does not require “virgin” surface for pipe and fittings which is sometimes a requirement for the costing manufacturer to assure warranty.

***Correction made for clarity, see revised RFB package.***

9. Page 16 – Part 2 subsection 5.d.2) requires the pipe and fittings manufacturer to certify the application of the coating system – but most pipe and fitting manufacturers have no control on the licensed applicators of the coating systems – I suggest that this requirement be placed on the manufacturer of the coating system supplied and not the pipe and fitting manufacturer.

***Correction made for clarity; see revised RFB package – but, still the responsibility of the pipe & fitting manufacturer.***

10. Page 17 – Part 2 subsection 2.04 A.1. – requires the solid sleeves to be coated with cement lining which, in most cases, solid sleeves are not lined with cement lining due to the nature of their use. However, if they are to be lined – should it not be the protective coating in lieu of the cement lining?

***Correction made for clarity, see revised RFB package.***

11. Page 17 – Part 2 subsection 2.04 A.1. – requires the solid sleeves to be NSF 61 but this is for sewer applications – does this still stand?

***Correction made for clarity, see revised RFB package.***

12. Page 17 – Part 2 subsection 2.04 A.1. – requires Solid Sleeve in Short Body Design which in most cases would be about 15-inches – I would suggest the use of Long Body Design based on the size of the pipe – this would offer a 24-inch lay length – which would be much better in a repair situation.

***Correction made as suggested, see revised RFB package.***

This same page for Force Main Fittings – only address the Solid Sleeves – what about the other fittings on the bid item?

***Minimum lengths or approved manufacturers (and models) provided for other fittings.***

13. Page 18 – Part 2 subsection 2.04 A.5. – requires the bolts and nuts to be 304 Stainless Steel, but in the same section... calls for the T-Bolts to be Low alloy corrosion resistant high strength steel in accordance with C111 – which is it?

***Reference to stainless steel deleted, see revised RFB package.***

14. Page 19 - Part 3 subsection 3.02 and 3.03 – requires supplier to unload at your facility – is this correct?

***Yes, this is correct. Cost for this task must be factored into the bid.***

15. Page 19 – Part 3 subsection 3.04 – calls for a 2-percent deduction from pricing for every week are late – how is this time frame determined?

***As indicated in the payment terms, 70% of the agreed upon amount is to be held until components are delivered. A timeframe is to be provided for delivery of all components, by bid item, after receipt of approved shop drawings. The timeframe will be monitored and appropriate deductions, if necessary, will be made to the 70% amount being held. Unforeseen time issues or delays beyond control of the supplier must be explained in writing and approved by ECUA to avoid the deduction.***

16. Is the alternate bid for Ceramapure PL90 Ceramic Epoxy or Protecto? The bid documents state Ceramapure but the back page of the bid form says Protecto.

***Lining material shall be Perma-Shield PL, Series 431, by Tnemec Co., Inc. or Permax-CTF Ceramic Epoxy, by Permite Corp. Corrections made in the RFB package where applicable.***

Is this going to be an award and ship all together bid?

***It is ECUA's intent to utilize multiple vendors, as necessary, for supply of the designated components by bid item. Each vendor would be responsible for delivery, unloading and placement per ECUA's direction.***

17. Please clarify whether bidders are to submit pricing for both Permax and Ceramapure lined ductile iron pipe or whether Ceramapure will be acceptable as an approved alternate lining to Permax.

***See response to #16 above. ECUA will consider the Tnemec product and the Permax product to be acceptable on this bid, thus one or the other or both can be quoted.***

18. Please clarify the acceptable joints for fittings and pipe. Section 2.03, Pg. 14, Item 4. Fittings, Paragraph c. calls for Buried Service Fittings to be flex ring joint or equivalent. Paragraph e. states restrained joints for pipe, valves and fittings shall be mechanical joint with ductile iron retainer glands...or push-on joints equivalent to "Flex-Ring"... Are both types of joints allowed?

***References to restrained joints have been removed. It is ECUA's intent to purchase only ductile iron pipe and fittings with/for mechanical joints (the exception is 54" pipe).***

19. What length are the Mechanical Joint Solid Sleeves to be? The first paragraph under "Solid Sleeves" on page 16 calls for "C-153 Long Sleeve". Laying Length on page 17 calls for "Short body design".

***Correction made for clarity, see revised RFB package.***

What length are the JCM 114 Split Repair Sleeves to be?

***After additional review and consideration, Split Repair Sleeves will not be included in this RFB package.***

20. While reviewing the materials it came to our attention that the bid lists the MJ Split Repair Sleeves to be furnished fabricated of all stainless steel while the pipe, fittings and accessories are to be of ductile iron and coated internally/externally with low alloy hardware. Also, we noted in the bid information that: It is the intent of ECUA to purchase and store the items listed below for future emergency repairs on large transmission mains.

***See response to #19 above.***

21. What is the duration of this Bid? Annual? Six Months?

***This is for a single purchase of components to place in storage for future emergency repairs. It is anticipated that as components are utilized, they will be replaced on an individual basis.***

Also how do we get a Manufacturing Company Product submitted in writing as the reference phrase as "Others as approved by ECUA in writing".

***Components being proposed in a bid that do not adhere to manufacturer, model, etc. specified herein would require pre-approval from ECUA. Information regarding the components can be submitted via email to Amy Williamson (email provided below) and a response will be given by close of business the same day.***

If you have any questions, please call my office at 850-969-6531, or email me at [amy.williamson@ecua.fl.gov](mailto:amy.williamson@ecua.fl.gov).

Regards,  
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